Report of the President and Directors of the Alexandria Library Company.

To the Stockholders of the Alexandria Library The term for which the interests of the Library were committed to our charge having expired, it becomes our duty to lay before you a brief statement of its affairs, and of the manner in which we have adminispered the trust confided to us.

Early in the Spring, an arrangement was made with the Librarian, by which his entire time was to be devoted to the interests of the Company, with an augmentation of salary proportionate to his success in increasing its evenues; but, although many new subscrihers were procured, the general depression of business caused the withdrawal of a numher of old subscribers, nearly, if not quite, equal to that obtained; and the idea of keeping the Library open during the entire day, was, therefore, abandoned.

The ordinary revenue of the Company is scarcely more than adequate to the liquidation of its current expenses, and it has, therefore, been found impracticable to make the additions to our collection which, under other circumstances, would have been desirable: vet, 92 volumes have been added, 14 by purhase, and 78 by donation. We are under special obligations to the Hon. Wm. Smith, our representative in Congress, for his attention to our interests; the Secretary of the Interior having, by his direction, made us the depositories of 74 volumes of valuable public documents. We are also indebted to ur Senators, Messrs, Mason and Hunter, for similar favors; and to our late President, for a donation of two shares of Alexandria Library and Lyceum stock. The 44 volumes of the Alexandria Gazette, mentioned in our last report as having been entrusted to us by an order of the County Court, have been re ceived, and found to add much to the usefulness of the Library. To accommodate these, and other additions, the erection of the large and substantial new case, on the south side of the room, became necessary, and was effected at as small an expense as was consistent with true economy.
On the 18th of June last, we had the mis-

fortune to be deprived of the services of our esteemed and most indefatigable President, Francis Miller, esq., his retirement having become necessary in consequence of a contemplated change of residence. We determined to allow the office to remain vacant during the remainder of the year, that the choice of a successor might devolve upon you. A knowledge of the ability with which Mr. Miller discharged the duties of the office, and the zeal with which he forwarded the interests of the Company, leads us to fear that, though the office may be filled, the loss of such a head will be found irreparable.

On the 22d of September, Norval E. Foard, who for three years had discharged the duties of Librarian, to the perfect satisfaction of the subscribers, having obtained an advantageous position in connexion with the Baltimore press, resigned that office, and on the 2d of October, Edw. R. Roxbury was elected to fill the vacancy.

We have been fortunate, this winter, in securing the services of the Rev. E. Yates Reese, D. D., for a series of Lectures on the Poets. These have been well attended; a result which, while it has assisted in replenishing our exhausted treasury, has been also gratifying, as it evinced an appreciation of sach entertainments, which we had been led to fear, by former efforts to sustain lectures, did not exist. The condition of the finances will appear

by the report of the Treasurer. There are in the Library, 4904 volumes, and 2589 volumes have been drawn during the present year-a number less, by about two hundred, than were taken from the

shelves last year.

In closing this report, we cannot forbear expressing our astonishment, that while there is so much reading in our community, an institution capable of affording such opportunities for an indulgence of the taste for it, should be suffered to languish for want of funds. Surely, the minds of our young people would be improved in a far greater degree, by an acquaintance with the writings of the greatest historians, novelists, and poets of our own and former periods, than by a perusal of the miserable trash, which, if it does not corrupt the heart, assuredly neither enlightens the mind, nor improves the taste; and yet we are told that the sums expended annually by our people in the purchase of trashy periodicals, are so large, that were but a portion of the funds thus appropriated placed at our disposal, the price of subscription could be reduced to a sum merely nominal; a salary sufficient to compensate the Librarian for his entire time could be afforded; and every current publication which would be called for, could be procured without delay.

We trust our fellow-citizens will give their serious consideration to this subject, feeling assured that if they can be induced to do so, po further appeal will be necessary to enlist their sympathies for our time-bonored institution.

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Directors. RICHARD L. CARNE, JR., Acting President.

| 1859. A                 |           | L | M. | A I | C. 185 | 1859                |   |
|-------------------------|-----------|---|----|-----|--------|---------------------|---|
| SECOND MONTH. FEBRUARY. |           |   |    |     |        | MOON'S PRASES.      |   |
| 25                      | Friday    |   |    |     |        | р. н. м.            |   |
|                         | Saturday  | 6 |    |     |        | New 4 1 51          |   |
|                         | Sunday    |   | 27 | 5   | 33     | First qr11 11 22    | E |
|                         | Monday    | 6 | 26 | 5   | 34     | Full 18 4 30        | Z |
|                         | Tuesday   | 6 | 24 | 5   | 36     | Last qr 26 9 14     | M |
|                         | Wednesday |   |    |     |        | HIGH WATER.         |   |
|                         | Thursday  | 6 | 22 | 5   | 38     | FEBRUARY 25, 1h. 25 | D |

# MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA-FEBRUARY 24. Schr. Ann Pickerell, Leverton, Philadelphia, to Schr. Marietta Burr, Nickerson, Boston, to M. Eldridge. Propeller Diamond State, Kerwin, Baltimore,

SAILED. Ship Venice, Waithman, New Orleans, by Mas-

Wheat & Bro.

Propeller C. C. Alger, Shore. Philadelphia, by MENORANDA.

Schrs. E. W Farrington, Robinson, from this port; Ann D., Newton, and West Wind, Kelly, from Georgetown, arrived at New York, 22nd inst.

FIRST WARD .- A meeting of the Whig and American party of the First Ward, will be held at the First Ward House, to-night, at 71 o'-clock, to nominate a member of the Board of Aldermen, and members of the Common Council.

FOURTH WARD MEETING .- A meeting of the American and Whig party of the Fourth Ward, will be held at the Lancasterian

School Room, on Washington street, on Friday, this) evening, at 71 o'clock, to nominate candi dates for City Council. MANY VOTERS. feb 25-11\*

WHIG AND AMERICAN MEETING .-A meeting of the citizen voters of the Third Ward, will be held at the School Room of John S. Beach, over the Gun House,) on Friday night next, to minate members of the City Council from that feb 24-21\*

deliver a LECTURE in the Methodist Protestant Church, for the benefit of the Youth's Home Missionary Society, on FRIDAY evening next, the 25th inst., at 71 o'clock. Subject :- "The Posts of

the Sanctuary." Tickets 25 cents. To be had at the store of H. B. Whittington, and at the Door. feb 22-3t N. O. SUGAR.—80 HHDS. PRIME SUGAR, just received from New Orleans, per Brig

beorgia, for sale low by FOWLE & CO. YEW ORLEANS MOLASSES .- 50 BBLS. Prime quality NEW ORLEANS MOLAS-Ab 21-0061

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Fitch, from the Committee on Printing, stated than an emergency had occurred that would have the effect to keep Congress from having any more printing done during the present session, one of the paper contractors having failed to comply with his contract, and the superintendent not having power to make a new contract, without first giving sixty days' notice. He reported a joint resolution remedying this difficulty, which was passed.

Mr. Hunter's resolution to meet hereafter at 11 o'clock, was then passed. Mr. Yulee desired to take up the Post

Route bill, and made the motion to that effect. The yeas and navs were ordered. Agreed to. Yeas 21; navs 19.

In the House of Representatives, the coneideration of the Postal Appropriation bill

The first amendment, providing that the contract with Messrs. Butterfield & Co., be so construed that they be authorized to select his master, who was not willing to part with whatever routes they may think best, was rejected-yeas 99; navs 102.

The object of this amendment was to abolish the Southern Pacific mail route, starting from Memphis.

The amendment providing that advertisements of mail route proposals shall be published in each State and Territory in two papers only, having the largest circulation, was rejected-yeas 91, navs 104.

The amendment reducing the appropriation of \$100,000 for "blanks" to \$80,000 to be printed by the lowest responsible bidder, was agreed to-ayes 114, noes not counted.

The amendment providing that the contract for wrapping paper (\$50,000) be given to the lowest responsible bidder was agreed

The amendment providing that the Postmaster General submit, annually, to Congress, a statement of the "miscellaneous" expenses of his department, was agreed to.

The amendment providing that the print-Regulations be given to the lowest responsible bidder, was also agreed to.

## Vera Cruz Taken.

A letter was yesterday morning received here from the American Consul at Vera Cruz. confirming the rumor that the French Gulf squadron had actually taken possession of era Cruz, which first reached this city on the night before last via New York. The American Consul had entered a protest against the act of the French Commander.-Wash. Slar.

The Washington Star says that the special committee to examine into the truth of the charges alleged against the Hon. Wm. Culto report; and that their report will entirely official integrity.

## MARRIED.

ington.

On Tuesday, the 8th instant, at Locust Hill, the

Near Waterford, Loudoun County, Va., Feb. Loudoun.

At the residence of the bride's brother, Josiah B. Taylor, in Hillsborough, Loudoun County, Va., February 17th, by the same, ROBERT J. T. WHITE, esq., to Miss MARY LOUISA TAY-LOR, both of the above place.

# DIED.

In this city, on Wednesday, the 23d inst. Miss MARGARET SNOWDEN KEITH, in the 87th year of her age. The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the Rectory of Christ Church, this (Friday)

evening, at half past three o'clock.

By the death of this most estimable lady. our community has lost one of its oldest and most venerable members. She was the daughter of James Keith, esq., (who was for sixty years Clerk of the Court of Frederick County, Va., when it comprised the territory of several other counties which have since been severed from it,) and was born at "Wheatland," on 16th of April, get hooked. 1772:-She had, therefore, nearly completed the 87th year of her age.

The deceased was a first cousin of the late Chief Justice Marshall, and possessed many of the excellent traits of character of her distinguished relative. She was remarkable for strength of native intellect, retentiveness of memory, firmness of purpose, and consciprivate and social duties. Though, for many sales of 6,000 head. Swine active. The ny years past, deprived entirely of sight, "operators for a rise" have got the upper and partially of hearing, she bore her afflictions with great Christian resignation; and died in the communion of the Episcopal certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favour with her God, and in perfect charity with the world." HUNTER, youngest daughter of Alfred and Su-san Hunter, of Washington.

Of pulmonary disease, at the University of Virginia, on the 18th inst., Mrs. LUCY LANDON DAVIES, wife of Prof. J. F. Davies, and eldest bild of Wm. M. Blackford, esq., of Lynchburg-

aged 32 years. At her residence, in Leesburg, on Tuesday morning, Miss EVA TOWNER, in the 78th year of her age. Near Wheatland, on Tuesday, the 15th instant,

Scarlet-fever, WINFIELD SCOTT, third son of Noble B. and Lucinda Peacock, in the 10th year of his age. At Omaha, Prince George's County, Md., the residence of his father, on Monday morning last, after a lingering illness, WILLIAM O. HODGES,

second son of John Hodges, esq., in the 23rd year of his age. At Laurel, Prince George's County, Md., on Tuesday, 15th inst., MATILDA, wife of Chas. S.

Duvall, in the 28th year of her age. In Washington, on the 13th instant, after a few days' illness, GEORGE H. THOMPSON, formerly of Prince George's County, Md., aged 44 years.

months, and 14 days. HAVE on hand, in good order-

50 " Pitch 100 bales Oakum, for sale by NATH. BOUSH, No. 3, Irwin's Wharf. DEYNOLD'S SPECIFIC for the Gont and

Rheumatism, New England Cough Syrup, Sulph. Morphine, Sulph. Quinine, Valerinate Zine, and Payson's Indellible Ink, just received, by J. WILLIAM BOWLING, cor. of Fairfax and Prince-sts. GUNPOWDER TEA.—One chest superior GUNPOWDER TEA, in 1 to and 1 to pack-

ages, received per Schr. Hamilton, and for sale by JOHN LEADBEATER & SON, Stabler's Old Stand. YARN SOCKS.—We have on hand 1500 pairs good YARN SOCKS, which will be sold cheap. [feb 25] G. E. WITMER & BROS.

## BY YESTERDAY EVENING'S MAILS.

property. The loss is estimated at between our and five thousand dollars. The fire commenced about 12 o'clock, and is supposed to have been the work of an incendiary .- and Major H. C. Dorsey, appointed Secre-Orange Chronicle.

A meeting to ratify the nominations of the Richmond Convention, was held at Culpeper Court House, on Monday. The nominations were unanimously ratified. Several speeches were made and much enthusiasm manivention to meet in this city, on the 3d of March, were also appointed.

The Warrenton Flag says, that a slave boy, not more than 17 years old and about twothirds grown, was put upon the block at Culpeper Court on Monday, and run up to \$1 .-224, when he was bid in and taken down by tion. him even at that high price.

James F. Pendleton, of Smythe county, has received the appointment of Superintendent of the Penitentiary, for the unexpired term of the late Superintendent, Col. Mor-

The city Council of Richmond, have reduced the tax on real estate from 100 to 80 cents on the \$100.

#### COMMERCIAL. The Markets.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 24.—Flour closed firmer: Howard street and Ohio at \$6. Wheat is unchanged; white 140@175c. Corn is firm; white and yellow 75(2,77c. Provisions are quiet and unchanged; Whiskey is dull; Ohio 29c. Coffee is firm at 112c.

NEW YORK, February 24.—Flour closed buoyant; State \$5.30@\$5.50; Ohio \$6.45@\$6.60, an advance of 5c.; Southern \$6.00@\$6.30, an advance of 5c. Wheat closed firm at yesterday's quotations: Western red 140 (a.145c.; white 165 (a. 175c. Corn closed quiet, with small sales; prices nominal. Pork closed steady; mess \$17.75@\$18.ing of the list of Post Offices and Post Office 314: prime \$13.25. Lard closed firm at 117@124. are dull but firmer. Cumberland Coal Company 231. Va. 6's 962. Mo. 6's 842.

## The Beef Cattle Trade.

The almost universal opinion with cattle 1859, beef would be uncommonly scarce, and the price unprecedentedly high, was sup-ported by something like the following argument:-During the summer and fall of 1858 the scarcity of money in the country and the almost universal drought (having cut short the crops and pastures | compelled the grazers to send their cattle, that were designed for feeders, to market for beef; hence the superabundance urged upon this and other marcharges alleged against the Hon. Wm. Cul-lom, late Clerk of the House, are now ready who were able to hold and feed, at once saw that the number of cattle remaining in the exonerate him from all charges against his country, was far short of the usual supply, consequently they naturally expected the prices to range very high in February and March, 1859; yet the average price of beef In Washington, on the 22nd instant, by the Rev. G. W. Samson, Mr. SAMUEL P. ROBERT-SON, to Miss LIZZIE WILKINS, all of Wash-some cause for this condition of the beef some cause for this condition of the beef market, about which we may be mistaken, but we will give our views, that those inter- Such a collection of queer, comical and trag-

general prostration in all kinds of business. On Sunday morning, 23d ult., by the Rev. Geo. Some have recovered whilst others have not.

W. Nolley, JOHN V. WYATT, to EMUELLA Amongst the latter is that branch of the beef published by Messrs. Dick & Fitzgerald, of B., youngest daughter of Harry Doggett, esq., all trade termed packing, which usually furnishes a market for thousands of cattle, 15th, by the Rev. T. A. Ware, Mr. CHARLES W. in that business this winter. As an evidence of the state of the whilst there has been little or nothing done dence that this is somewhat true, take, for example, the cattle trade of Baltimore, where large quantities of beef are packed almost every year, where the reports of the sale of cattle usually show from nine to fifteen hundred per week, where those reports this winter show from five hundred to nine hundred per week, at lower prices than common for the same period last year. Is not this significant? We attribute this difference principally to the depression in the packing business. Beef, like all other articles of trade, is priced sible reasons why this packing business will not revive (as we think it will not) before next fall or winter, but we have been sufficiently lengthy for our purpose to show the

present condition of the beef trade. We caution those of our readers who are subject to the cattle fever to be careful in

handling cattle this spring, for if the present condition of that trade continues, they might The above remarks are based on the state ments of Messrs. R. & B. and other parties

### quainted with the above trade. - Rich. Enq. New York Cattle Market, February 23.

Beef Cattle buoyant, with sales of 3,000 head, at \$7(a\$11.50; premium Beef \$13.50, entiousness in the performance of all her average price \$9(a\$9.25. Sheep buoyant; anything fit for retailing market beef sold on Tuesday at less than 10 cents net a pound, Church, of which she had long been a con- and all first quality beef cattle sold at 11 cts. sistent member, "in the confidence of a and upward, and extras at 12 to 15 cts.. and upon the average, half a cent higher than the same qualities sold last week. The number of cattle sold on Tuesday was not quite as good deal of indisposition to pay the advance.

The weekly New York Bank statement is a satisfactory one. The following results are shown: Loans \$127,496,498, a decrease of \$1,629,823; specie \$26,344,955, an increase of 8925,867; circulation 87,766,858, a decrease of \$105,583, deposites \$89,026,357, a decrease of \$320,461.

The New York money market is without change. The stock market is by no means active. In State stocks there were sales of 96;, yesterday's price in each instance; a small lot of North Carolina was taken at 98. There were no sales of Government securi-

was held firmly at 1023. The receipts at the custom-house, on Wednesday, amounted to \$174,733; total amount in the Sub-treasury \$6,970,896. The receipts on account of the loan amount to \$330-310 and the amount of Treasury notes was \$144,567. As the latter will probably be reissued, the effect of sending them in will scarcely be perceptible.

COX'S SPARKLING GELATINE: Osgood's Indian Cholagogue, for Chills; Davis' Pain Killer: Cod Liver Oil Jelly; Rattleweed Root, just received and for sale by JAMES ENTWISLE, Jr.,

Apothecary, 94 King-st. ceived a fine assortment of Fishing Rope, work of an incendiary. Seine Twine, and Gilling Thread, for sale by NATH. BOUSH, No. 3, Irwin's Wharf.

STOCK FOR SALE. ORANGE AND ALEX-ANDRIA RAILROAD STOCK and SCRIP BURKE & HERBERT. WANTED TO RENT .- A DWELLING HOUSE. For particulars apply to KNOX & BRO.

LOCAL ITEMS.

FIRE .- We regret to learn that the Barn, Nominating Convention .- A Convention Stable and Corn-house of Mr. B. F. Nalle, of of the Whig and American party, of this this County, was consumed by fire on Mon- city, was held last night, at American Hall, day night last, together with 12 horses, 300 to nominate candidates for the municipal bbls, of Corp. 500 bush. Oats, and some other offices. There was a large attendance, and great harmony prevailed.

J. P. Smith, esq., was called to the Chair,

Messrs, W. D. Massey, for Mayor; S. J. McCormick, for Auditor; James S. Hallowell, for Surveyor: Thos. Whittington, for Clerk of the Market: Wm. C. Reynolds, for Measurer of Wood and Bark; S. R. Shinn, fested. Delegates to the Congressional Con- for Gauger: John A. Field, for Collector of Taxes for 2d and 3d Wards; Wesley Avery, for Collector of Taxes for 1st and 4th Wards; John Greenwood, jr., and Wm. H. McKnight, for Measurers of Lumber; and C. S. Price and Wm. Davis, for Assessors, were declared the nominees of the Convention by acclama-

There being more than one candidate for the other offices before the Convention, a ballot was taken, which resulted in the selection of John Marshall, for Corporation Attorney: Jacob Roxbury, for Superintendent of Gas; James Javins, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department; and George Davis, for Superintendent of Police.

WORK ON THE NEW COAL WHARF .- Mr. H. K. Bradshaw, the contractor for the wood work, has commenced driving the piles for the new Coal Wharf for the American Coal Company. Mr. Samuel Beach, who contracted for the dirt filling, is also engaged on his portion of the work. The wharf is to be completed by the monts of August next, which will require unremitting labor on the part of those engaged.

LECTURE To-NIGHT. -Our citizens will bear in mind that Dr. Reese lectures to-night at | \$1 25. the Methodist Protestant Church, on "The Poets of the Sanctuary," and we have no doubt that on this occasion, as on the others, when he has appeared before an Alexandria Whiskey closed firm; holders demand 27c. Stocks audience, Dr. R. will sustain his deservedly exalted reputation as a lecturer.

Examination .- Jas. Welch, who was arrested on Tuesday, for having in his possesdealers, that, for the winter and spring of sion a hat, which was taken from Mr. K. A. Hutchins, when he was assaulted and robbed on Monday night, was yesterday further examined before Justice Price. From the evidence, it was clearly shown that the offence | Fortes. Personal knowledge of the merits of the was committed by C. Mills, who, with another man named Milan, who was in the house gance of finish, and durability of material, and at the time, have left for parts unknown,-Nothing was elicited to connect Welsh with the commission of the act, and he was held to bail to appear at the March term of the PIANOS for Alexandria, and furnish them here County Court to be examined for having in his possession the hat.

"ANECDOTES OF LOVE."-This is the third book written by Lola Montez, and contains an account of remarkable events in the history of Love in all ages and nations,on Tuesday, the side is father, by the Rev. Howresidence of the bride's father, by the Rev. Howested may take them for what they are worth,
and M. Montague, Mr. EDWARD V. JONES,
and Miss JULIA ANN MARSHALL, all of King

The Propenter SI 300 K washington and Georgetown,
ical fragments of history, has been seldom
by the Propenter SI 300 K washington and Georgetown,
on the 3d March, in the place, Washington and Georgetown,
on the 3d March, in the place of the ALGER.

For freight, apply to doubtless prove "a decided hit." New York, is for sale by Messrs. James Entwisle & Son, Exchange Block, King st.

POTOMAC STEAMER.—The steamer James Guy, is undergoing some repairs, and is being refitted at her berth in Washington, and will resume her route on the Potomac river early next month.

CORRECTION .- In the report of Judge Neal's speech, in yesterday's Gazette, for the word cultivate, in the first line, read celebrate.

SUICIDE. On Wednesday it was discovered according as the supply is greater or less that Mr. Wm. H. Parker, of California, who than the demand. We could give very plan- had been a guest at the National Hotel since early in the winter, had committed suicide the night before in his room, by taking fifteen grains of morphine. A paper so marked had evidently contained it, and a spoon whitened by contact with morphine being found near him; the hair about his month also showed traces of it. His mind had been unsound evidently for some days. He leaves an interesting and greatly distressed daughter just grown, who was his companion at the National. No cause for this act of felo de se is known, other than the condition of his evithoroughly cognizant and practically acdently disordered mind. An inquest will be held this afternoon .- Wash. Star.

LAND SALES .- W. W. W. Bowie, esq., last week sold his Locust Grove Farm, in Prince George's county, Md., containing 217 acres, to Mr. Marsham Warring, for \$70 per acre.hand of the butchers just now. Scarcely The Tract of Land belonging to Mr. Joseph I. Nicholson, lying near Davidsonville, in Anne Arundel county, advertised in the Gazette by Messrs. Murray, Hagner and Stockett, as Trustees, was sold on Thursday last for the sum of \$105 per acre. It was purchased by Mr. Joseph Nicholson, and contained 105 acres. We learn that Mr. Wm. On the 21st instant, in Baltimore, CELESTER large as usual, the butchers manifesting a B. Bowie has sold to Mr. Wm. P. Pumphrey 170 acres of Land at \$80 per acre. land lies on the main road opposite Mr. P.'s house, near Upper Marlboro' .- Marlboro'

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—The executive mansion on Tuesday evening was the greatest point of attraction in the national metropolis. It is estimated that nearly seven thousand ladies and gentlemen crowded the spacious parlors and halls to pay their respects to Missouri sixes at 844 and Virginia sixes at President Buchanan. Probably every State of the Union was represented.

One of the most happy features of the scene was the reciprocal cordiality which characties; for the new loan 102; was offered, and it | terized visiting statesmen on shaking hands with the President. Gentlemen of all political preferences appeared as cheerful and jocund as if they had never differed in opin-There was a complete armistice in polities, for the time being at least.

The fire about 11 o'clock, on Tuesday night on the Island, proved to be the destruction of three stables, belonging to some poor people, and burned a number of cows in them. The stables were severally owned by John Keeie, Thomas Wright and John Hartneet, and were worth but little; but two cows were killed which the owners valued at \$50 each, and three others were so badly injured TOTICE TO FISHERMAN .- I have just re- that they cannot live. The fire was the

The firemen or those who accompanied them last night, had a series of riotous proceedings, which has resulted in several arrests. No lives were lost or serious wounds inflicted. Let Washington imitate the example of other cities, and substitute steam apparatus under a paid department. The young men and youth will then direct their attention to more laudable pursuits.

THE POTOMAC FISHERIES, under the influence of the present fine weather, must very soon be commenced. We hear that some of the appliances of one of the principal landings will be sent down to-day from George-

town. No doubt the Alexandrians are equally on the qui vive. [The fishermen are get-ting ready here.] Shad have already appeared in the river, several fine ones having been sent up some days ago .- Nat. Int.

AN AURORA BOREALIS of extraordinary beauty exhibited itself on Tuesday evening and night. About half-past 9 o'clock it shot up to the zenith in ever-shifting beams of dark crimson, surrounding at times a central shaft of much brighter light, like ordinary flame, and would then be wafted further along the horizon to renew its changes. Its base was located about N. N. E .- Nat. Int.

ALARM OF FIRE. -The alarm of fire last night about seven o'clock, was caused by the burning of brush, near the Poor's House.

MORE NEW BOOKS,—Memoir, Select Thoughts, and Sermons of the late Rev. Edward Payson, D. D., compiled by the Rev. Asa Commings, D. D., three vols., Svo. cloth, \$3-75. Life and Labors of the Rev. Daniel Baker, D. . Pastor and Evangelist, Svo., \$1 25. Hermeneutical Manuel, or introduction to the Exegetical Study of the Scriptures of the New

Testament, by Patrick Fairbairn, D. D., 1 vol. 12mo, cloth, \$1 25.
Self-Made Men.—"In this volume will be found the lives of more than sixty distinguished persons who have attained eminence in spite of adverse circumstances of birth and fortune," 1 vol. 12mo. loth, \$1 25. Life of John H. W. Hawkins, by Rev. W. G.

Hawkins, 12mo. cloth, \$1.

Theology of Christian Experience, designed an exposition of the "common faith" of the Church of God, by Rev. George D. Armstrong, D. D 12mo, cloth, \$1.

Light from the Cross-Sermons on the passion of Our Lord, from the German of Dr. A. Tholuck, 5 cts. The Four Gospels, with original and selected

parallel references and marginal readings, and an original and copious critical and explanatory commentary, by Rev. D. Brown, 50c.

The Literary Attractions of the Bible, or a plea for the word of God, considered as a classic, by Le Roy J. Halsey, D. D., third edition, 12mo. cloth,

The Lady's Manual of Fancy Work-A complete instructor in every variety of Ornamental Needle Work, illustrated with over 300 engravings, by the best artists, by Mrs. Pullan, \$1 25. Anecdotes of Love, being a true account of the most remarkable events connected with the history of love, in all ages and all nations, by Lola Mon-

Mary Glentworth, or the Forbidden Marriage, by G. W. M. Reynolds, 50c. Lilian, or the Adventures of an Heiress, by J. Smith, esq., 75c. Just published, for sale by JAMES ENTWISLE & SON,

No. 95, King street. WORCESTER'S PIANOS.—From the New York Commercial Advertiser of February W York Commercial Advertiser of February 18th, 1859,—"We are appealed to at times, for information in regard to the best maker of Piano award the palm of superior merit to him. For elethe elements that enter into the musical qualities of a first rate instrument, Mr. Worcester is unsurpassed." I am sole agent, for the sale of the above

JOHN H. PARROTT.

STEAMER FOR NEW-YORK. STEAMER FOR MEW-10RK.—
The propeller C. C. ALGER, will, or his trip, after discharging cargo at Philadelphia continue on to New York. She will leave Pier opposite No. 4, South Wharves, on Thursday, P. M., at 4 o'clock. Returning, will leave New York for this place and the District, on the 5th March.
Agent at New York, H. H. TAYLOR, 73, West st. The Propeller SEYMOUR will leave Philadel-

WM. H. FOWLE & SON. EXPRESS STEAM LINE FOR PHILADELPHIA.—On Thursday, 24th instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M., the propeller C. C. ALGER, Shore, master, will leave pier opposite No. 4, South Wharves, as above. The J. JEROME will leave Girard's Wharf, Philadelphia, at same time. [feb 21] WM. H. FOWLE & SON. NEW SPRING GOODS.

HARPER & BRO.,

HARPER & BRO.,

AVE just received a fresh supply of PRINTS,

(a few English.) beautiful styles; plain Black

SILK, Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, White Brilliant, low priced Mouselaines, Lead colored Jeans, otton Osnaburgs, Bleached and Brown Sheetings Bleached and Brown Shirtings, &c.

KETTLEWELL'S MANIPULATED GUANO. W.E. have taken the agency at this point, for this valuable fertilizer, and shall, in a few days, receive a supply, put up in strong bags.
feb 22 WM. H. FOWLE & SON.

\$75 REWARD. 1 will pay \$50 reward for the recovery of my Goods, stolen from my store, on Saturday night, the 19th inst., or \$75 for the recovery of the Goods and the arrest and conviction of the thief or thieves. WILLIAM ARNOLD.

NOBACCO SEED .- Maryland, Virginia, and genuine Havana, received, and for sale by feb 25 H. COOK & CO., Sarepta Hall. YEW GOODS JUST RECEIVED .- I have N just returned from the North, and have re-ceived a fine assortment of the following GOODS: Pearl, Leather, and Buckskin Purses and Porte Monnaies; Ladies' and Gentlemen's Card Cases Fancy Working Materials; Shetland Wool; Worsteds; Tida, French and Crotchet Cottons; Embroi dering Silks; Bone and Wood Crotchet and Knit-ting Needles; Hair Pins; Whalebone; Brass, Silk, and Acorn Buttons; Elastics and Elastic Braids; Hair Braids: Bonnet Pius; Silk Girdles; Brass and Reed Hoops; Spool Silks: Infant Wrappers; Dress Bones; Silk Cords; Fringes; Hair Braids; India Rubber Round Combs for 12½ cents, and a variety

of other Goods. W. B. RICHARDS, JR., TEW SPRING GOODS .- WILLIAM N. BERKLEY, (at the old stand,) has just received a fresh supply of FANCY PRINTS, beau-tiful styles; Bleached and Brown Domestics, Irish inens, Black Silks, Ginghams, Kentucky Jeans, Hosiery, Gloves, &c. He solicits a call from his ity and country friends.

DIANO TUNING .- Mr. B. F. DENNIS from Chickering & Sons, Hallet, Davis & Co., and ormerly with R. Davis, Washington, also, Tuner to Thalburg, will attend to tuning and repairing PIANOS, ORGANS, MELODEONS, and all kinds of musical instruments. All work left at No. 3, Exchange Block, King-street, Alexandria, jan 4 warranted satisfactory. ini MOAL .- I have on hand at my yard, lower end of Duke street, a full supply of best quality of RED and WHITE ASH COAL, which will be

furnished to consumers at the lowest rates. JAS. C. NEVETT. JUST received per propeller C. C. Alger, a sup-ply of Gigs, Coaches, Cabs, Velocipedes, Hob-y Horses, Perambulators, &c., for children, all of which will be sold very low at

feb 22 C. C. BERRY'S, 72, King-street. DECAN NUTS .- 60 bags TEXAS PECAN NUTS, just received per Brig Georgia, from New Orleans, for sale by NDIA RUBBER, Steel, and Wood Busks, In-

School Satchets, and Leather Riticules, RICHARDS' feb 21 DLIDE ISLAND GUANO .- Daily expected, a La cargo of the above mentioned Guano, consigned to us by the agent. For sale by jan 31-2m RAMSAY'S CELEBRATED TONIC BIT-

R. I. T. WILSON,

dia Rubber Cloth, Oiled Silk, Dress Preservers,

for sale by fab 22—d2w No. 4, Fowle's Wharf. 80 HHDS. PRIME NEW ORLEANS SUGAR, in store and for sale by FOWLE & CO. feb 14 COAL, -A good supply WHITE AND RED ASH COAL, for sale at low prices.

feb 4 WHEAT & BRO. CIUPERIOR OLD BRANDY, Scotch and Rye N Whiskey, in Cases of doz. each F. A. MARBURY.

JOB PRINTING Nestly executed, with disputch, at this Office.



BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

LOUISVILLE, Feb. 22 .- The Opposition Convention have nominated Joshua T. Bell for Governor of Kentucky, without a dissenting voice. Alfred H. Allen for Lieutenant-Governor, and James Harland for Attorneydeneral. Great unanimity and unbounding enthusiasm prevailed throughout the pro-

Connecticut Politics.

day renominated Hon. Samuel Arnold for member of Congress, and the Democrats of the fourth district renominated W. D. Bish-

Sailing of the America.

Boston, Feb. 23 .- The royal mail steamhip America sailed from here at noon to-day with ten passengers for Halifax and fortyeight for Liverpool. She also takes out about \$75,000 in specie.

Burning of a Blast Furnace. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 23 .- Messrs Til-

len & Page's blast furnace, at Vermillion, Ohio, was burned yesterday. The loss is stated at \$15,000, on which there is \$8,000 nsurance. OFFICE CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL Co., )

Washington, Feb. 16, 1859. N pursuance of a resolution of the Stockholders, and the requirement of the Commissioners of Public Works of the State of Maryland, notice is

hereby given, that a special General Meeting of the Stockholders of the CHESAPEAKE & OHIO CANAL COMPANY, will be held at the Office of he Company, on Thursday, the 24th of March next the Company, on the continuing, at 12 o'clock, M.
feb 18—wtd W. S. RINGGOLD, Sec'y. TUST received at 88. King street, corner of Royal,

200 pairs Trace Chains, of superior quality 100 kegs assorted Cut Nails 60 dozen papers Bristol Brick Powder, a new article. These goods have been purchased at very low prices, and will be sold wholesale and retail, heap for cash. Also, received a beautiful assortnent of Table, Pen and Pocket Cutlery, at prices. Persons in want of any article in the way

f Hardware, will please call. JOHN T. CREIGHTON. DISSOLUTION.—The partnership heretofore existing under the firm of BERKLEY & SHACKLETT, is this day dissolved by mutual onsent. Wm. N. Berkley is authorized to settle WILLIAM N. BERKLEY. up the business. GEO. W. SHACKLETT.

W. M. N. BERKLEY will continue to conduct the DRY GOODS BUSINESS, at the old stand, where he invites his friends to call. feb 15-tw WHEELER, Agent. No. 67 Louisiana Ave-

L. NUE, OPPOSITE CENTRE MARKET, WASHING-TON CITY, offers for sale at lowest cash prices-Bar Iron, Sheet Iron, Steel, Tin, Zine, Bar and Sheet Lead, Benden's Patent Horse Shoes, and a general ortment of HARDWARE, BUILDING MATE-

RIALS, and TOOLS. Washington, feb 11-co3m DISSOLUTION.—The co-partnership hereto-fore existing between FORD & WICK-LIFFE, is dissolved by mutual consent, to take effect from the 1st of February, 1859. J. W. D. Ford is alone authorized to use the name of the firm, for the purpose of settling up the business. J. W. D. FORD.

feb 17 -d8t&eo3t A. J. WICKLIFFE. FOR RENT .- Having made arrangements for rent the BUILDING now occupied by us, No. 57 and 59, King street. The property could be con-veniently divided into two commodious stores with a comfortable dwelling attached to one of them, and would be so rented if desired. jan 10-2awlm WM. H. FOWLE & SON.

LOR RENT .- The Head of FRAZER FISH. F ERY, opposite Alexandria. To a responsible man the rent will be moderate. Also, BELLE-VIEW FISHERY, joining the above. will be rented separately or together. For terms Ac., apply in person, or by letter, to THOS. W. BERRY, Washington, D. C.

NOTICE.—The subscribers have formed a CO-PARTNERSHIP under the firm of J. B. & R. H. HUNTON, for the purpose of manufacturing WOOLEN GOODS, at Buckland, Prince Wil-JOHN B. HUNTON, Buckland, Va.

ROBT. H. HUNTON, Alexandria, Va. DETTER THAN USUAL .- Daily expected, D supply of best English HORSE SHOE RON, being a much better article than is usually sold in this market—to be sold at the old price.— Also, now in store, PLOUGH PLATES, best Blister Steel, and Carriage Bolts, all of which are

for sale at lowest cash prices.

feb 15 GEO. T. BALDWIN. I OW TO DO GOOD AND GET "PAID FOR IT."—Take an Agency for our Publications. The terms are such, there can be no possibility of loss. Every Family will be glad to obtain some of them. For particulars address,
FOWLER & WELLS,
feb 1-wim No. 308 Broadway, New York.

NOTICE.—WILLIAM H. FOWLE has this day associated with him, his son WILLIAM H. FOWLE, JR., for the transaction of a general Commission business in this city, under the firm of WILLIAM H. FOWLE & SON. Office for the present at Nos. 57 and 59 King street. ian 1-3awlm NOTICE.—The subscriber has taken out letters of administration on the estate of Thomas C. Atkinson, dec'd. Persons indebted to the es-

tate, are requested to make early payment to him, and creditors will please file their claims with him. verified by affidavit. jan 19-wotf S. FERGUSON BEACH. FANCY GOODS.—Hair, Tooth, and Nail Brushes; Combs of all sorts; Perfumeries for the

handkerchief; Lewis' Soap; and Lubin's Toilet Powder, a superior article, for sale by PEEL, STEVENS & CO., corner King and Alfred streets. DRUGS, &c .- No. 1 Potash; Powdered Gam-Palm Soap in half pound bars; Flour of Sulphur; Cooper's Shred Isinglass. Just received and for sale by JAMES ENTWISLE, JR., Apothecary, 94 King-street MARLY CABBAGE SEED .- Early York.

Large York, Early Battersea, Early Wakefield, Early Sugarloaf, Early Oxheart, Early Winningstade, Early Dutch, &c., received and for sale by [f.b 21] H. COOK & CO., Sarepta Hall. D LACKING, Durkee's Baking Powder, Jayne's B Hair Tonic, Lyon's Kathairon, Carriage Sponge, and Sal Soda, for sale by

PEEL, STEVENS & CO., cor. of King and Alfred-streets DOUGLAS JERROLD.—The Life and Remains of Douglas Jerrold, by his son, Blan-chard Jerrold, price \$1, just published by Ticknor & Fields, and for sale by

KELETON SKIRTS, for sale by HARPER & BRO. A few dark figured SILKS, on band, which we CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEED. will sell very cheap.

U 150 bushels prime Clover Seed
100 "Timothy"
For sale by [feb 22] WHEAT & BRO. WANTED TO RENT .- The advertises WANTED TO REST. The wants to rent a small but comfortable HOUSE, pleasantly located in the city. Apply at the office feb 17—diff

TOHN MURPHY, ATTORNEY AT LAW, will practice in the Courts of Westmoreland, Richmond, and Northumberland Counties. Post Office, Rice's Store, Westmoreland County, Va. BEAUTHFUL Shades of Drab, Tan, Larender,
Pink, and Bine Worsteds, all in one bank for
knitting, at [feb 21] RICHARDS

[feb 21]

AUCTION SALES.

BY S. J. McCORMICK-Acctioners. TILL BE OFFERED AT PUBLIC ALC. WILL BE OFFERED at TION, at 10 o'clock on Saturday, the 20th inst., at the Warehouse No. 61 South Union street. for account of whom it may concern, to pay freight and charges-the same having been laying in store for over three years.

2 Large THRESHERS and CLEANERS, (Gil.

1 STAVE or SHINGLE MACHINE, (Abbot's Patent.)

MOUNT PLEASANT FOR SALE.—In execu-tion of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fair-fax County, rendered at June term, 1858, in the suit of Thatcher Perkins vs. Edward Cowling and als., the undersigned will offer for sale, at public auction, in front of the Mayor's Office, in the city of Alexandria, on FRIDAY, the let day of April, 1859, at 12 o'clock, M., the TRACT OF LAND now County of Fairfax, called "MOUNT PLEASANT." and containing 150 Acres, more or less. This tract of land binds on the Mount Vernon road, is situated on a commanding eminence, overlocking the city of Alexandria, from which it is distant about two miles. The soil is good, and the land has been op. The latter convention passed resolutions in support of the administration.

two miles. The soluting good, and the latter two much improved by the present occupant, who has also lately erected upon it a handsome and commodious DWELLING HOUSE, at a cost of some four or five thousand dollars. The place

> unnecessary.
> Terms.—One-tenth of the purchase money will be required in hand; the balance in three equal instalments, at 6, 12, and 18 months from the day of sale; the deferred payments to bear interest, to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, with approved security, and retention of the title until said deferred payments are made; the cash pay ment to be forfeited, and the land resold, at the purchaser's risk, on failure to comply with the

> terms of sale.
>
> LAWRENCE B. TAYLOR, Comm'rs.

VALUABLE WAREHOUSE AND LOT OF GROUND AT PUBLIC SALE .- By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alexandras County, Va., rendered at the May term, 1858, in the suit of Waters, Zimmerman & Co., plaintiffagainst James A. English, defendant, the undersigned, as Commissioner therein named, will proceed to sell, in front of the premises, at public sale on Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1859, at 12

HOUSE and LOT OF GROUND, situated the east side of Fairfax, between King and Fairfax street, and extends back, eastwardly, 123

TERMS OF SALE .- One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid in hand, and the residue in three equal instalments, at 6, 12, and 18 months from the day of sale—to be evidenced by bonds of the purchaser with good personal security, bearing interest from the day of sale; the title to be retained until the purchase money is fully paid, and the property liable to be resold for a failure of the

the Clerk of Alexandria County Court, on the 17th of January, 1859, the undersigned, as Trus tees, will sell at public auction, on the premises, on the 6th day of April, 1859, at 12 o'clock, M., one undivided third of a WHARP PROPERTY and premises, situated and being in the city of Alexan-dria, Va., at or near the outlet lock of the Alexan-

lease of thirty years, from January 1st. 1850. It is also subject to the terms of an agreement be tween the said Companies, which can be seen by application to the Agents of either of the above This property is included in a mortgage for \$100,000, payable 1st of January, 1871, with interest at 6 per et., payable 1st July and 1st January. This mortgage also includes the whole of the

amine the property, can do so on application to Capt. W. J. BOOTHE.

CHAS. A. SECOR, VALUABLE FARM IN ALEXANDRIA A COUNTY, VA., FOR SALE.—In pursuance f a decree of the Circuit Court of Alexandria County, Va., rendered at the November term, 1858 of said Court, in the suit of Charles W. Payne and wife, vs. John T. Donaldson and others, the undersigned, Commissioner's of sale therein named, will offer for sale, at public auction, on Tuesday, the 15th day of February, 1859, at 12 o'clock, M. in front of the Mayor's Office, in the city of Alexandria, Va., all that tract of land of which John Donaldson died seized, containing about EIGHTY-TWO ACRES. There is on the land, a small stone DWELLING. Said land is situated in the said County of Alexandria, about one mile from the Georgetown Ferry, and adjoins the

lands of the late Andrew Hoover, - Ross, and others. The Terms of Sale, as prescribed by the decree are as follows :- One-tenth of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the resi due in three equal instalments, at six, twelve, and eighteen months respectively, from the day of sale; the deferred payments, to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, with approved security—the title to the property to be retained until the whole of the

purchase money is paid.

The H. Dorsey Donaldson who resides on the land, will show the same to persons wishing to purchase.

ALBERT STUART, Commers. jan 11-2awts CHAS. E. STUART, j of Sale. At The above sale is postponed until Saturday, the 26th day of March, 1859, when the same will take place in front of the Market House, in

Georgetown, D. C., at the same hour.
ALBERT STUART, Comm'rs. feb 18-2awts CHAS. E. STUART, ) of Sale

FOR SALE .- A new, and beautiful FOR SALE.—A new, and beautifus, Princess and Oronoco streets. The lot is 60 feet front, running back half the square to a 20 feet alley. If not sold privately before the 10th day of May, I will, at that time, offer the same at public auction, in front of said premises. Also, my half interest in the Planing Mill and Sash, Door, and Blind Factory, corner of Queen and Fairfax streets, with quarter square of ground attached. The said Factory is complete in every respect for doing a large business, and is said to be one of the finest and best arranged any where to be found. Those wishing to purchase are invited to call and examine the premises as indexes. examine the premises, as inducements will be offered, and terms made easy. B. H. JENKINS. To one having capital to purchase material from first hands, a fortune could be realized in a few

[feb 8-eotMay10] FAIRBANKS'
THESE SCALES are now regarded as the STANDARD FOR CORRECT WEIGHT, and are in use by nearly every Railroad Company, Merchant, and Manufacturing establishment through out the country. The reputation which these Scales have acquired, has been of the seady growth from the commencement to the present time, and is based upon the principle adopted by me and never deviated from, of allowing none but FEE-FECT WEIGHTS OF MACHINES to go forth from years. FAIRBANKS' FROT WEIGHING MACHINES to go forth from

our establishment.

We have more than one hundred diff ferent modifications of these SCALES adapted to the wants of every department of business, where a correct and durable Scale is required.

Ser Call and examine, or send for an illustrated femilies. FAIRBANKS' SCALES. PAIRBANKS'

iliustrated circular.

FAIRBANKS & CO.,
180 BROADWAY N. YORK SCALES. GEO. T. BALDWIN, Agent, Alexandria, Va TASH IN MARKET .- The subscriber wishes

to purchase the following quantity of FURS,

5.000 MINK 20,000 MUSKRAT 5,000 COON 25,000 RABBIT 500 GRBY FOX 300 RED FOX

I will pay higher prices for the above named FURS than will be paid in any of the Northern markets. (jan 14) JOHN T. EVANS. 150 BUSH MIXED CORN MEAL, for sale by

Kentucky Politics.

4 Large PLOUGHS. STEPHEN SHINN. feb 12-eo2w

is so well known, as to render further description

FRANCIS L. SMITH,

jan 27-eots

Cameron streets, in the city of Alexandria, Va, and recently occupied by James A. English, as a Hardware Store. The lot fronts about 33 feet on feet 5 inches, more or less. The Warehouse is large, well built, and conveniently arranged; and the location, as a business stand, renders this pro perty very valuable.

purchaser to comply with the terms of sale.
WILLIAM J. TUBMAN, WHARF PROPERTY AT TRUSTEES' SALE. W By virtue of a deed of trust from the Alle-ghany Mining Company, recorded in the Office of

dria Canal, the other two-thirds being owned by the Borden Mining and Frostburg Coal Companies. The whole property is that which has been use t jointly by the said Companies, and is subject to a yearly rent of three hundred dollars, under a

Mines and Lands of the Alleghany Mining pany in Alleghany Councy, Md., and in offering the said Mines and Lands, the Trustees have stip ulated that the purchaser shall pay said mortgage so that the property now offered shall not be called on for any part thereof. The terms of sale will be eash at the time of sale. Persons desirous to ex-

EDWARD FRANKS, | Trustees.